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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: R.B. Hutchison et al. Attorney Docket No.: ECHG121699
Application No.: 10/663,443 Group Art Unit: 3627
Filed: September 16, 2003 Examiner: F.M. Zeender
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ORDERING GOODS, SERVICES
AND CONTENT OVER AN INTERNETWORK USING A VIRTUAL
PAYMENT ACCOUNT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

May 26, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Response to Restriction Requirement Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a response to a restriction requirement in the above-identified application.

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 27, 2005, set to expire on February 27, 2005, be extended by 3 months, to expire on May 27, 2005. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$510.00.

C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 163790 in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the amendment claim fee and request for extension of time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request.

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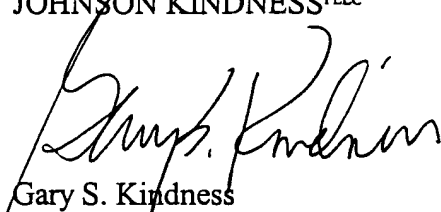
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for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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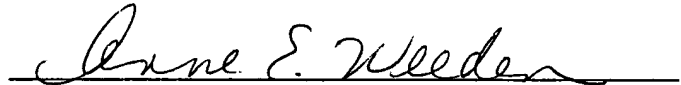


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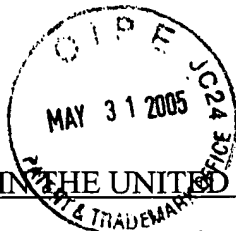
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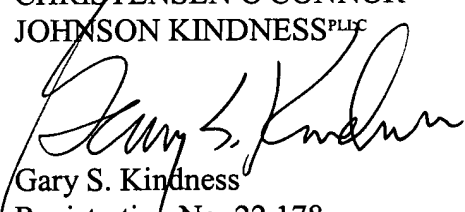
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the January 27, 2005, Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the Group I claims (2-42, incorrectly noted as 1-42 in the Office Action, since Claim 1 was previously canceled). With respect to the election of species, applicants elect species 1, depicted by Claims 2-12. Applicants respectfully request that non-elected Claims 43-51 and 52-59 be canceled without prejudice to the filing of divisional applications. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

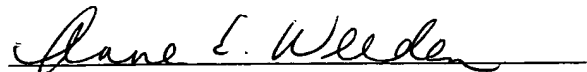
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